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Jacquelyn A. Flowers of New Brockton, AL, was among the honorees.

Dr. Frank Lovrich, vice president for academic affairs, has named students to the Dean's List for the 1996 Spring Quarter at Troy State University Dothan. Undergraduate students receiving this honor must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.66 on a 4.0 scale for 12 or more credit hours.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Friday, August 16th is the one hundredth anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush, way up yonder in the Yukon Territory of Northern Canada. Several hundred thousand prospectors made the mad rush for riches, but only about 30,000 actually got there. The harsh weather, the requirements that they have a huge supply of food before entering the territory, all that combined to limit the number who made it. Even considering all that, the population of the territory today is only a tenth of what it was during the peak of the gold rush.

We were asked this week if the newspaper was conducting a telephone poll to project the outcome of the August 27th municipal election. We ain't! It would take a real expert to construct truly neutral questions and with everyone knowing everyone in town, we still would personally question the results of any such poll. Besides the only poll which counts is the one which will be taken on the night of August 27th ... it will include the opinions of all the voters in Elba.

Zoning changes are almost always emotional issues, with friends and families having falling outs over strong differing opinions. Recent rezoning efforts in Elba are no exception. However, should they or shouldn't they rezone takes a back seat to a question asked at the Elba city council meeting Monday night. A zoning board member wanted to know the "Why?" of having a planning and zoning board if they were going to be ignored by citizens and the city government both. In fact it is on tape recordings that the property owners were told by city officials to proceed! The "why" question is still not officially answered. It came about after a request to zone for construction of mini storage buildings at the intersection of Kingston Highway and 203 Bypass was not acted on by the zoning board. Property owners started building anyway, without the rezoning. City hall officials acknowledge the property owners have not purchased a building permit, as required by another city ordinance. But, they can't issue building permits for construction which violates city, state or federal regulations. Personally, we have no problem with the new mini storage buildings ... probably should have built them ourselves. But civilized people must have laws and guidelines to remain civilized. If people only obey those laws they like, or the ones which suit them at the time, these people are acting no better than the thousands of so-called criminals who have been jailed for violating one or more of our civilized people rules. This applies to our friends taking the action and our friends who allow it to continue unchallenged. We are confident this matter can be worked out legally and to the satisfaction of everyone involved. It should be done so all Elba can look with pride at the added growth in the community.

General Colin Powell addressed the national Republican convention Monday night. It was an impressive performance. There is no doubt in this corner that this man would make a tremendous candidate himself. It ain't gonna happen, but if Powell were the candidate of most any party today ... that party would be getting our vote! The many interruptions to his speech by those in the convention hall indicates someone else has the same thoughts. Predictions are that if Colin Powell decides he wants a place on the national Republican ticket in 2000, either slot is his for the asking.

## Moore responds to news of action delaying criminal trials in Coffee

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

State Representative Garrett Moore responded Tuesday to reports that all criminal trials in Coffee County have been continued due to a suit challenging the new jury venire law for the county. The law, passed by Moore in the last regular session of the legislature, combines the jury pool in both the Elba and Enterprise divisions. Courts will still be held in each respective division, but citizens can get called to jury duty in either, or both, divisions. Several attorneys have filed a lawsuit in circuit court challenging the legality of the local law. Presiding Judge Gary McAlehey has expressed concern that any criminal case tried and later overturned due to the jury venire law being declared unconstitutional would go

free due to "double jeopardy" safeguards in the U. S. Constitution. Moore responded to the news with a prepared statement which reads:

"I think it is unfortunate that 385 felony cases pending in Coffee County are being delayed. Judge has elected to halt progress in disposing of them. This is especially unfortunate for the victims of these criminals. With only 11 felony jury trials completed in the last year we can not afford to slow down much more."

I have discussed the issue of double jeopardy with the district attorney's office. They feel, as do I, that this would not apply in the event of a criminal case being tried under current law and that law was later found unconstitutional.

I fail to see how our judicial branch can elect to not operate under current law."

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 6 Thru AUGUST 12, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 6, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one theft, four harassments, one hit and run, one suspicious incident, one missing person, and one assault.

No arrests were made during the week. The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, one for reckless driving, one for driving while driver's license are suspended, and one DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 -** Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 114 (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 4.22 feet (6:26 a.m.); Rescue run Dorsey Trailers (6:59 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (10:20 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 -** River stage - 4.19 feet (6:20 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 -** River stage - 4.48 feet (6:56 a.m.); Fire reported at Frazier Laundromat (1:02 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (5:40 p.m.); Powder reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (10:52 p.m.).

## National senior citizens hall of fame

The great Roman orator and statesman Cicero once wrote that old age is the crown of life. By that definition, America is blessed with a growing number of royalty as the elder population swells in rank. Over 5000 American citizens celebrate their 65th birthday each day. Due to declining births and increasing life expectancy, the elderly make up one in eight Americans. The so-called "oldest old," those 85 and older, are the most rapidly growing age group. Between 1960 and 1994, their numbers rose 274 percent.

The United States' population is projected to reach 300 million by the year 2000. Senior citizens will make up 13 percent of this total, or about 35 million, with graying baby-boomers leading the way. As this trend continues, the senior population will increase to approximately 70 million by 2030.

Alabama has a larger senior population than any of our bordering states, with the exception of Florida. According to 1993 statistics, Alabama's senior citizens make up 13 to 15 percent of our population. California leads the nation with the largest elderly citizenry.

Much of the time, census statistics on senior citizens are associated with worries about Social Security and concerns of overpopulation. However, for 63 years now, Alabama has recognized our distinguished elderly with the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Since 1933, a hall of fame commission has bestowed this honor upon living Alabamians in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, services and contributions to the lives of older American citizens.

Life experience can provide a wealth of information and guidance for a younger generation. For many Americans, life after 65 is a productive and rewarding time. We have to look no further than today's headlines to see the accomplishments of presidential candidate Bob Dole, who turned 73 last week. Former President Jimmy Carter, 72, is active in Habitat for Humanity and numerous civic organizations.

Our senior citizens are one of our most important resources. Their mature judgment, keen insight and historical perspective is invaluable to our nation and should be recognized.

## MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out errors, whether oral or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

## Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Court House, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:00. Call PRE 1-800-772-2123  
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - Pine Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA MINISTRIES ABN. - Tues. 6:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Pines Center Complex @ New Brandon  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Tues. - 5:00 p.m. - Stage Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Remco Squad Building  
MASSONIC LODGE 176 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES - Mon-Fri - 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brandon @ Pines Center Complex, 894-5883  
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS - ABN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
ELBA CITY FIRE DEPT. - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
AEROPAT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room  
AARP Meets every 2nd Tuesday night of each month  
CIVIL AIR PATROL, Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Conference Room

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## FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman  
Terry Everett

## President Finally Agrees to Sign Welfare Reform

For the third time in a year, a landmark welfare reform bill enjoying widespread popular support has been approved by the new Congress. Twice before, each welfare reform bill was stubbornly vetoed by President Clinton. This time, in an apparent bow to public pressure, the President has finally agreed to sign common-sense welfare reform into law.

The facts speak for themselves. While welfare was envisioned as a program of short-term relief, the average recipient now stays on it for 13 years. Over the last three decades, \$5.4 trillion has been spent on welfare and yet the national poverty and illegitimacy rates have increased.

Last week, Congress voted to transform a welfare program into a way of life. But this national tragedy will soon come to an end thanks to the persistent efforts of a conservative Congress and the American people.

Last week, Congress voted to return our nation's welfare system to what it was meant to be: a hand-up, not a hand-out. Both Republicans and Democrats joined forces to pass a common sense welfare reform plan which places lifetime limits on welfare benefits, prohibits non-citizens and felons from receiving welfare; and requires able-bodied welfare recipients to work after two years of benefits.

This legislation is the most significant effort in a generation to rescue families and children from the despair of a failed welfare system. This welfare reform bill passed by Congress and now ready to be signed by the President creates a lifetime

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 6 through August 12, 1996.

They were: Sibley Daniels, Lucille Armstrong, Bertha Odom, Jamie Griggs, Richard Flowers, Albert Wood, Emma Lee, James Odom, Sue Crowley, James E. Cole, Marys Beckworth, Mardie Daniels, Dealan Carley, Grace Burks, Lucille Stackhouse, and Colamaley.

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Deadline For Socials & Church News is MONDAY!!!

## Fellow Citizens:

My first attempt at politics was a run for the city council in 1968. At that time my father, Coston, and uncle, Shelby Morrow, advised me that a "lot of our kinfolks would not vote for me if I did not go see them and ask." That year, I went to every house in the city and only lost the election by a few votes to a very fine gentleman, Mr. J. Lindsey. Upon his unfortunate demise a couple of years later, I was appointed to finish his term then was elected on my own in 1972. Both of those campaigns taught me a political lesson never to be forgotten and that is, I must go to, talk to, and above all listen to the people. With the exception of my competitors homes, I have personally visited every home in the city and either spoke with the occupant or left literature at their door. I regret many of you were not at home, but the invitation to call me at 897-6460 still stands, if you wish to talk.

It is virtually impossible for any business, including the city, to function effectively without organization and unity. We simply must begin to operate inside these parameters. If elected, I pledge to do everything possible to obtain and keep the confidence of each council member. This is absolutely necessary because I will ask them to refrain from taking part in the day-to-day operations of the city. We are blessed with an outstanding workforce, but they should know without doubt that city hall has only one voice to which they should respond. Unity among elected leaders will assure them the Mayor is closely following the decisions of the council.

Decisions made at city hall affect every citizen and must be researched and considered with that in mind. "Snap" and "spur of the moment" decisions must be eliminated because they are often embarrassing, costly, and not in the best interest of the city as a whole. If elected, whenever possible, no action will be considered for vote until you and your council members have had ample time to research and study the proposal.

I have bored you enough for this week, but please read the final episode in next week's edition. LET'S MAKE ELBA A BETTER PLACE TO CALL HOME!

## DONNIE MORROW

Candidate for Mayor

Pol. Adv. by Donnie Morrow, 1710 Highland Drive, Elba, AL 36323

## We Get Letters...

Dear Ferrin,

I would like to respond to Mayor Ricky Haywood's 12 points that appeared last week in *The Elba Clipper*.

1. The State Department of Transportation states that Haywood had nothing to do with paving Highways 84, 87, and 189.

2. Aunt B's (Barbara Hudson) states that she alone started her business, Cash Brothel and the Garden Gate have never seen the Mayor.

3. The paving in Mulberry Heights was 3 years overdue.

4. The two commissioners I talked to did not recall any outside help in paving Taylor Mill Road.

5. The bridge that connects Taylor Mill Road and Tiger Drive was started by Charles Pearce and Jimmy Holley, with the help of Garret Moore and Fort Rucker engineering.

6. The City had a National Guard long before Haywood was born. He was the Mayor when 1/2 of a guard unit from Andalusia left Elba.

7. Every service the City furnishes has gone up in the last four years. The City has demanded \$1,600,000 from the Water and Electric Board. Half of the salaries in City Hall are paid by the Water and Electric Board.

Over \$100,000 has been spent on social unusual expenses. If the people of Elba want the stupidity to continue it is in their hands. Sincerely, Charles W. Lindsey

Dear Editor,

Since Mayor Haywood so graciously provided us a list of his accomplishments courtesy of "Coffee County Farmers for Ricky Haywood" below are some more he can add to that list. My compliments.

1. Loss of one National Guard Company—loss of more than 200 positions.

2. Loss of one United States Army Reserve Company—loss of more than 150 positions.

3. Loss of annual lease of armory on Claxton due to 2 above. In excess of \$48,000.00.

4. As hard as he tried, he could not give away the Department of Corrections Work Release Center yet.

5. To date, he has cost the City in excess of \$200,000.00 in lawsuits and associated costs and there is the distinct possibility of more to follow. James H. Nichols

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a few things on our Mayor Ricky Haywood's accomplishments. Fred Moore started the funding of the floodwater pumping station in New Town. Ricky just had it finished.

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Thank you also to the day care centers and Head Start for always giving me a nice place to work in your buildings and for being so pleasant and kind each week. Elba is blessed to have the quality preschool and day care centers it has. These businesses are an asset to Elba Elementary School because of positive social skills and preschool readiness skills they teach the young children.

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## SouthTrust announces Internet web site

SouthTrust Corporation has introduced a fifty-page World Wide Web site on the Internet, announced Wallace D. Malone, chairman and chief executive officer of SouthTrust Corporation. SouthTrust's web site address is <http://www.southtrust.com>.

"Anyone with access to the Internet can view SouthTrust's web site, and we are delighted to offer our customers and potential customers the opportunity to learn more about SouthTrust and its products online," said Malone. "We are committed to offering the highest level of customer services, which includes alternative delivery methods, such as our website."

Survivors include his wife, Lema Walker of Elba, AL; five daughters and four sons-in-law, June and Frank Hardy of Waynesville, Missouri; Fay Arrington of Montgomery, AL; Florence and Edwin Gilmore of Dothan, AL; and Andy Fernandez of Columbia, South Carolina, and Karen and Frank Lindstrom of Millbrook, AL; five sons and daughters-in-law, James and Sheila Walker of Warren, Virginia, John and Mary Walker of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, Harold and Betty Walker of Birmingham, AL; Richard and Ann Walker of Rutland, Vermont, and Charles and Maryjohn Walker of Elba, AL; 25 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

Mr. Walker was preceded in death by a son, David Walker.

For example, consumer credit calculators are available at the web site for homeowners and those interested in purchasing a home. One calculates the equivalent mortgage amount a consumer could have if he wanted to keep his mortgage payments the same as his rent. The next helps the visitor gauge how expensive a home he or she can afford to purchase. Another estimates the visitor's monthly payment amount on a home loan.

Designed for the homeowner, there is a calculator to estimate the future value of the visitor's home after his mortgage has been paid off, and one that shows a year-by-year mortgage amortization table.

On-line calculators are also available to estimate the monthly payment on a car, boat or any installment loan. The site even offers visitors a savings account calculator that will project the future value of their current savings account.

Also within its web site, SouthTrust offers a comprehensive on-line product catalog covering topics from checking and savings accounts to loan information. Shareholder information is also available, as is information on services for business customers.

SouthTrust is committed to alternative delivery systems and will continue to investigate and invest in future technologies based upon consumer readiness. Added Malone, SouthTrust Corporation is a \$23.6 billion bank holding company operating banks with more than 490 offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and the Carolinas.

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Citizens of Elba,

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## Open House to be held at Zion Chapel Elementary School

Open House will be held Thursday, August 15, at Zion Chapel Elementary School from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to come meet their children's teachers and bring their child's school supplies. School will start Monday, August 19.

## Social & Community Happenings

### C.C. Junior Miss Pageant planned for September

The Coffee County Junior Miss program will be held September 28, 1996 at Elba High School, according to an announcement made by Linda Miller Page, chairman of Coffee County's Junior Miss Program.

The Coffee County program is part of a nationwide endeavor to honor and reward the country's outstanding high school girls for their achievement. The areas in which contestants are evaluated are judges interview, scholastic achievement, creative and performing arts, fitness, and presence and composure.

Young women from Coffee County who are seniors can enter the program by contacting Connie Harrelson at 393-0058. There is no entry fee for participants and all eligible young women are encouraged to join the fun, excitement, and adventure of the Junior Miss program.

More than \$34 million in college scholarships and awards is offered annually to contestants at the local, state and national levels. More than \$87,000 in cash scholarships is awarded at the national finals in Mobile, AL, each year with America's Junior Miss receiving a \$30,000 scholarship to attend the college of her choice.

The young woman selected as Coffee County's Junior Miss will represent the community in the Alabama Junior Miss Program in January in Montgomery, AL, where she competes with other young women for the opportunity to represent Alabama in the America's Junior Miss National Finals.

The America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program is made possible nationally through the generous support of Coca-Cola USA.

## Miss Snyder & Mr. Buharp announce wedding plans



Mr. Buharp & Miss Snyder

### NEW ARRIVAL

**SHELBY MEGHAN LEWIS**  
Steve and Stacy Lewis announce the birth of a baby girl - Shelby Meghan Lewis, born July 29, 1996, at 10:16 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. and 4 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Pete and Shena Johnson, Elba; Cathy and James Smith and Betty and J.O. Lewis, all of Waynesville, GA. Her great-grandmother is Eva Mae Smith of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Snyder of Niceville, FL and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Aycock of Elba, AL, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Christy, to Eric Scott Buharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Scott Buharp of Niceville, FL.



Matthew Scott Rogers

### Matthew Scott Rogers celebrates third birthday recently

Matthew Scott Rogers of Elba celebrated his 3rd birthday on August 9 with a birthday party at his home. Guests included his mother, Miss Rogers; grandmothers, Charles and Betty Rogers; great grandmothers, Gladys Calhoun and Minnie Rogers; Tim, Stacie, Stephanie, and Chad Beavers; Chris and Jennifer Byrd; Pam Rogers; Janet Fleming, Cindy, Zack, and Jerilyn Hester; Melinda, Lee, and Moria Rogers; Debbie and Suzanne Chance; June and Amy Rogers; Richard Grimes; Penny and Gwen Adkins; and Judy and Mandy Thomas.

### Study Skills for Adults Returning to School being offered at ESJC

Adults interested in returning to school receive special assistance in Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course Study Skills for Adults Returning to School. This two-session course helps adults learn how to learn through techniques in time management, note-taking, correct textbook usage, and test taking. The course is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, August 20 and 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m. There is no charge for this workshop and the registration deadline is August 13. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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## Love's Way Church to host gospel concert, Thursday, August 15th

A gospel concert will be held Thursday, August 15, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Love's Way Church. The featured group for this event will be Masterpiece from Mobile, AL.

Love's Way Church is located 3 miles West of Enterprise on Highway 134, also known as Damascus Road. The church is only 1/2 mile from the 84 By-Pass.

## Friendship Baptist Church to have Gospel Singing

There will be a singing at Friendship Baptist Church in the Bullock Community on Friday, August 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The featured singers will be the Ainsworth Family, Pastor Randall Pearson and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

## Note Of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the calls, visits, food, cards, and flowers received during our time of sorrow. The loss of a loved one is never easy to accept, but your love and thoughtfulness has helped ease the pain. Please accept our grateful appreciation for every act of kindness. It truly warms our hearts to experience the outpouring of love and friendship offered by this community. May God bless you.

## Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their love, prayers, visits, food, support, calls, flowers, and cards during our time of sorrow. May God richly bless you.

## THE FAMILY OF HOWARD DIXON WALKER

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The Family of N.G. Nichols  
8-15-1p

## Round & About With Eria - 897-2006

Scripture: St. Matthew 18:21-35.  
Thinking of you, praying for you. Evelyn Gulley, Gina Robinson, Tyronne Kelley, Jessie Bell, Lizette Tyson, Louis Kelley, Leo Henderson, Olen Barry, Nettie R. Hogan, Virginia McGowan, Minnie Daniels, Lee Ella Robinson, Love Hooks, Ernestine Kelley, Joseph Long, Rev. N.L. Robinson.

Mary J. Henderson Reynolds of Brooklyn, NY attended homecoming services at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, Sunday, August 11, 1996.

**Usher Anniversary Program**  
The Ushers of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, will celebrate their Usher Anniversary on August 18, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Grayer is pastor. Devotion will be by the deacons. The choir will render music. The welcome will be brought by Sis. Lucile Wade and Dea. Walter Hardwick will give the occasion. Rev. Grayer will introduce the speaker, who will be Rev. Landy Magwood.

Visiting churches: Bethel AME, Bethlehem, Shady Grove AME, Piney Grove, Mt. Calvary, Rocky Head, St. Stephens of Opp, Popular Spring, Springfield, St. Mary, Oak Grove, and Greater New Zion.

**Career & Jobs Fair**  
A Career and Jobs Fair will be held at Morgan Square Mall in Enterprise, AL, on August 17, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. It is

sponsored by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and NAACP.

**Political Forum**  
A Political Forum will be held at the Ramada Inn in Enterprise, AL, on August 17, 1996 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All elected officials and candidates from Elba, Kinross, New Brockton, and Enterprise are invited with friends to attend. It is being sponsored by the NAACP.

**90th Anniversary**  
Hosannah Chapter #80 will celebrate their 90th Anniversary on September 21, 1996. This affair will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center.

**Summer Food Program**  
The Summer Food Program for Elba, AL, was held June 10-August 8, 1996 at the Mulberry District Educational Building, and was sponsored by the City of Elba.

Those attending were: Mason Gulley, Brandy Kelley, Jason Gulley, Brandon Kelley, Tiffany Kelley, Lydia Kelley, Kim Rideaux, Jia Kelley, Wesley Kelley, Nacoma Coleman, Derrick Daniels, Brian Culver, La Topia Culver, Stephanie Williams, Dana Gifford, Samantha Williams, Dane Paul, Shane Williams, Melissa Kelley, Geneva Ordon, Monique Ordon, LaRay Williams, Aubrey Williams, Tamekia Tanks, Briana Paige, Ruby Owens, Jr. Coleman, Justin Coleman, Bobby Ordon, Bryan Russell, Marcus Henderson, Martin Henderson, Gretta Robinson, Monica Henderson, Tiffany Henderson, Cornelious Reese, Brandy Roberts, Amand Bilah, Lanell Johnson, Anthony Robinson, Gretta Robinson.

**All About Love Productions**  
All About Love Productions presents Love...Alive! featuring the Fantastic Friendly Four from Selma: the Mulberry District Youth Mass Choir; Rev. C. Nobles from Milwaukee; the Community Mass Choir;

son, Marcus Kelley, Kala Phillips, Chastity Williams, Dee'Nard Brooks, Ree'Nita Brooks, Novella Robinson, Monica Henderson, Alex Hutchinson, Rashad Bilah, Brandon Speed, Michael Martin, Triston Terry, Ty Kelley, LaNell Johnson, and Ramon Shabaz.

Thanks to the parents and grandparents for well behaved and polite children. Thanks to all those that were involved in the program. Thanks to the Mulberry Missionary District Association for the use of the building. Rev. J.G. Chatmon, moderator.

Eria Lindsey Belcher and Kimberly D. Kelley, site supervisor and assistant.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Keith Ellison  
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## Confession

Do you really want all the negative things you have been confessing to come to pass? Are you believing for those things? If Jesus came to you personally and said, "From this day forward it will come to pass, that everything you say will happen exactly as you say it; would that change your vocabulary? I believe it would!"

In Matthew 16:19, Jesus said, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Psalm 119:89 tells us, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." What God said is already established. Now, it is up to you. What are you going to say about it?

God will not alter what He has said. The question is, whose words will you establish on earth? The power of binding and loosing is on earth. Spoken words program your spirit (heart) either to success or defeat. Words are containers. They carry faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind. God's word is creative power. That creative power is produced by the heart, formed by the tongue, and released out of the mouth in word form. God's creative power is given to man in word form. But for His word to be effective, man must speak it, and that creative power will come forth performing that which is spoken in faith. Confess victory in the face of apparent defeat. Confess abundance in the face of apparent lack. Remember, "As long as we say what we have, we will have what we say!"

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**Annual Youth Revival**  
The Annual Youth Revival of St. Stephens AME Church of Opp, AL, will be August 21-23, 1996 at 7:30 nightly. Rev. Gregory McCloud of Ozark, AL, will be the evangelist.

Wednesday night, churches invited: Piney Grove, Oak Grove, St. Stephens, Bethel AME of Florida, and Rocky Head.

Thursday night, churches invited: Bethel AME of Andalusia, Bethlehem, St. Matthew of Brantley, Mt. Zion of Brantley, and Apostolic Church of Opp.

Friday night, churches invited: Shady Grove, Nazareth, Bethel AME of Elba, Church of God in Christ of Opp, and Zion Chapel.

All churches are asked to bring their choir.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

Worship in the church of your choice this Sunday!!!!

## Church Directory

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinross - Deoxy Bradshaw**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Service ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHETCY - J.E. Wesley**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy & Road**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
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**WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley**  
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## GRAY

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ple of District 1 and all the citizens of Elba, always making myself available for new ideas and suggestions," continued Gray.  
Gray said that he is committed to working with other members of the council in implementing action to clean up Elba, improve and create more recreation, and appoint committees or whatever it takes to get the job done.

"Working together, we can accomplish a lot of things," said Gray. "So, on August 27, 1996 go to the polls at the Reserve Center on Claxton Avenue and pull the lever by my name. The polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m."

"Remember, I'll be working with the people - for the people. Let's do it!"

## MAYOR

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every day in town as his business and farm are located within the town.

His experience in personnel, finance, and business administration give him the qualities he needs to serve as mayor.

"All I promise is that I will serve to the best of my ability, be available to all citizens and be present in town when needed and/or required," said Driskell.

"I will continue to support and work hard for our senior citizens and youth programs."

"I will work with and support our business leaders and owners. I will also work to improve New Brockton by working in harmony with county, state, and federal agencies," he continued.

Driskell and his wife, Judy, have seven children and ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

They operate a farm and restaurant (Judy's Log Cabin) in New Brockton with six family members working in the restaurant.

Driskell said he will be a mayor that cares about New Brockton and to do everything in his power to insure its progress.

## RACE

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meetings and help in whatever way he could to make Elba a better place to live.

Again, Earl has served his district with pride and is grateful to the citizens of District 3 for their support before, and asks for their continued support by voting for him on August 27th.

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## NBTC

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ALTERNATES - Kenneth Hicks and Lee E. Williams.

Turning to other matters, the council approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$7,529.51.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department had answered 9 complaints, made 11 criminal arrests, issued 32 traffic citations and investigated 5 automobile accidents involving one injury.

He reported that the fire department had answered 3 calls, while the rescue squad had made 12 runs during the month.

Both Chief Driggers and Lenwood Herron recommended that the town apply for two grants supplying funds to hire additional police officers.

One of the grants is a COPS More grant and the other is a COPS Problem-Solving Partnership grant program.

The COPS More grant is 75-25% matching while the Problem-Solving Partnership grant requires no local matching funds.

The council also agreed to allow Herron to apply for a Walking Trail grant to be utilized at the ballpark located on AL Hwy. 122.

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following:

\*\*\*Approved the purchase of four tires for a police cruiser at a cost of \$225.00.

\*\*\*Approved the refunding of garbage fees to residents (two) who have had no garbage container. The monies will be deducted from the amount paid to the garbage collection contractor.

\*\*\*Tabled painting the flag pole at city hall.

\*\*\*Adopted street light modification for two streets at an approximate cost increase of \$12 per light. Newer versions of lights are required.

\*\*\*Agreed to sign the Senior Citizen Contract with the South Alabama Regional Council on Aging.

\*\*\*Motion made and passed that at least two members of the council be notified before any repair work requiring the cutting of a city street is performed.

Smith also asked about the air conditioners he had paid to install in the facility. Kelley said that was fully understood by all parties.

The total price offered for the reserve center was listed at \$45,000, which Smith said he arrived at using figures from the recent auction sale of the old elementary school building.

He noted this building has less square footage, less land and it needed a roof, costing \$25,000 to \$30,000. All rent payments would apply to the ultimate sale, according to the proposed lease.

Smith wanted a decision by the council Monday night. Council member Ben Carpenter said a hasty decision is what has gotten the City of Elba in so much trouble in the past and he would not support any such action until they had had time to discuss and consider all options.

David Smith and his brother Fred, who actively manages the business, repeatedly told the city council members they didn't feel they had been fairly treated. Fred explained they didn't want any special favors, but wanted to be treated like anyone else would be treated.

When told that to legally sell the property without public auction, it would have to be appraised, they asked if any other property the city had sold had been appraised. When council members acknowledged that no other appraisals had been sought, the Smith brothers wanted to know why now, when they had a request, was the appraisal necessary.

City Attorney Kelley said he couldn't respond to that, but was only advising the council members on how the laws read.

Council member Earl McCullough told council members that when he was fighting the sale of the piece of property being used by teens to park and talk, council members reminded him of the reserve center soon to be vacated. He said it was suggested to him by some of his

fellow council members that the reserve center would make a good park and now they are talking about selling it too. He said he would like to see the facility put to use as a gym for the teenagers.

He added that he had never voiced a piece of city owned property and didn't intend to start now.

Haywood talked about his original dream of cleaning up the property and putting it to use. He agreed to the Smith brothers and said they should have been notified. Haywood suggested they work together to set up some sort of relocation plan.

David Smith said he had other options and they might disappear if he didn't act soon.

Haywood then asked the council members if they had any problem with the firm moving into the reserve center.

McCullough then asked what would happen about elections which would still allow that and would clean up and prepare the facility prior to each election.

The council agreed for Haywood to appoint a committee to work with All Star Sports in finding a suitable spot for relocation. Appointed were Council members Sharpless and McCullough and Mayor Haywood.

They are to report back to the council after reaching a satisfactory agreement with the Smiths.

Several council members suggested the Smiths consider moving their business into the Jr. High wing of the former school. They noted some divider walls have already been removed.

Fred Smith then got the floor and expressed his disappointment with the individual members of the council. He said that only council member Gladys Yelverton had acted correctly. "She was a real lady in talking to me."

He said he had asked council members last week for confidentiality until he had had time to talk to each member. Smith said he didn't get that respect.

Shumley pointed out to Smith that he had told him he was going to discuss the matter with property owners in the neighborhood of the reserve center, which he had done.

Smith said he should have waited. The discussion ended without any apparent solution, however the reserve committee will work to resolve the issue.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is back underway in Elba and I honestly believe that both of our girls are actually glad that school is back in session. Both of the girls would have liked for the summer to last a little longer; however, they seemed bored hanging around the house, and whether they will admit it or not, I think they are both glad they've at least got something to do!

## NEW SCHEDULES WILL BE FUN FOR PLAYERS AND FANS

The high school football schedules for the '96 season are now official and it looks like it will be a fun season for both the players and fans, as all area teams have several new faces on their schedules. Elba added five new teams to its slate, while the other teams in the area all added at least three teams to their schedules. It is usually fun to play new teams, and if that holds true, it should be a fun year. Here's a look at the area schedules...

**\*ELBA TIGERS** - The Elba Tigers made wholesale changes to their schedule and will have five new teams dotting the '96 slate. The newcomers include Headland, Rehobeth, Geneva, Geneva County and Monroe County, while such former rivals as T.R. Miller, Daleville, Louisville, and Hillcrest are now gone. The Tigers still play four 5A teams and one 4A squad; however, all of the schedule this season may not be quite as tough as in years past.

**\*NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS** - The New Brockton Gamecocks have added Red Level, Goshen, Luverne and Georgiana to its schedule, which has to make the '96 slate one of the toughest ever for the Gamecocks. It's not that the New Brockton still plays three 1A teams and that there are no teams bigger than 2A on the slate. Don't let that fool ya! New Brockton isn't a 2A power in football, and will have its hands full with the likes of Luverne, Georgiana, Goshen, Straughn and Wicksburg.

**\*KINSTON BULLDOGS** - The Kinston Bulldogs took it on the chin last season in struggling to a 2-8 record, but apparently are convinced that better days are ahead, since the Bulldogs' schedule in '96 includes seven 2A teams to go along with their three Area games. Kinston will be better this season and should add to its win total of a year ago, but its schedule on this year's slate, which has to make even the most pessimistic Rebel fan smile.

**\*BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - The Brantley Bulldogs moved back down to 1A this season after two seasons in 2A, but still have a tough schedule and will have to play well each and every week to come out on top. The Bulldogs have six 2A clubs on its schedule, including Straughn, Goshen, Luverne and Georgiana, not to mention 1A Maplesville. Brantley may very well be a 1A power by the end of the season; however, it's record could be surprising.

## SCHEDULE SCANNING PROVIDES FEW SURPRISES

I thumbed through the book that contained the schedules of all the high schools in the state and thought I'd mention just a few of the schedules that caught my eye...

**\*CLASS 1A** - Billingsley plays perhaps the toughest schedule in this class as the 1A Bears must battle 5A Chitauque County, 4A McIntosh County, 4A Montevallo and 3A Hollyville, while the Alabama School for the Deaf will log plenty of miles with games against other schools from North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and East North Carolina.

**\*CLASS 2A** - Defending state champion Clay County will find out in a hurry how good it is this season as it opens the season against 4A opponents Cleburne County, Elmore County, Central Coosa and Daleville, while Cottonwood also backs down from no one as the Bears challenge such teams as 3A Rehobeth and 4A opponents Dale County, Daleville, Geneva and Ashford. Luverne has also got a tough schedule with games against 6A Ozark and 5A opponents Opp and Charles Henderson. On the other end of the ladder is Louisville, which no longer has to play Elba and Luverne, and instead plays such teams as Arton, Alabama Christian, Clayton, G.W. Long, St. Jude and Houston Academy.

**\*CLASS 3A** - Carver, of Birmingham, gets the nod in this class with opponents such as 6A West End, 6A Phillips, 6A Wenonah, 5A Jacksonville, 5A Parker and 5A Fairfield. UMS-Wright also has some potential tough games against 5A Citronelle, 5A Alma, 6A Fairhope and 4A St. Paul's.

**\*CLASS 4A** - Bibb County may have the toughest schedule in this class with games against 6A Gardendale and 5A opponents Brookwood, Holt, Chilton County, Thompson and McAdory, while W.S. Neal will also have a tough season competing against such teams as 6A Crestview, 6A Gulf Breeze, and 5A foes Hillcrest, Andalusia, Attmore and Opp. St. Paul's moved up to 4A and may find the going a little tougher, since T.R. Miller and W.S. Neal are both in their area.

**\*CLASS 5A** - Eufrasia has a schedule that may cause the Tigers fits, with such 6A opponents as Columbus, Hardaway, Auburn and Ozark on the slate. Greenville used to have a hard time finding folks to play, but those days must be over, since the talented Tigers' only 6A foes are Baldwin County and Selma.

**\*CLASS 6A** - The Enterprise Wildcats may have some natural rivals in their Area foes (Dothan, Northview and Ozark), but the rest of the schedule wouldn't create much excitement for even the most devout Wildcat fan. Teams filling out the schedule this season include Bay, of Panama City, Florida; Rutherford, of Panama City, Florida; Davidson, of Mobile; Selma, of LeFlore; of Mobile; Carver, of Montgomery; and Moseley, also from Florida. Not much to get excited about! What ever happened to teams like Lee, Lanier, Jeff Davis and Central, of Phenix City?

CLASS 3A  
AREA 3

Elba (8-3)  
Headland (3-7)  
Rehobeth (5-5)

CLASS 1A  
AREA 4

Arton (1-8)  
Houston Ac. (6-4)  
Kinston (2-8)  
Zion Chapel (3-6)

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## SPORTS

## Five new teams dot '96 Elba schedule

The Elba Tigers are expected to remain in their familiar spot near the top of the 3A rankings again this season; however, that may be the only thing familiar about the '96 campaign, as the Tigers find themselves with two new Area opponents and a total of five new faces on the schedule.

Gone from last season's schedule are (4A) T.R. Miller, (4A) Daleville, (2A) Louisville, (1A) Kinston and (5A) Hillcrest, of Evergreen, while filling the holes on the slate are (4A) Geneva County, (5A) Monroe County and Area foes (3A) Headland and (3A) Rehobeth.

The Tigers will open the '96 season in Troy for a battle against the (5A) Charles Henderson Trojans. The Trojans were winless last season, but have a new coach and new attitude, and should be fired up to prove to everyone that last year's disaster was simply a fluke.

Week #2 will bring the Tigers back on the road for their annual grudge match against the (2A) Luverne Tigers. Luverne is no longer an Area opponent, but the red-clad Tigers are still seeing red over last season's loss in Elba, and will no doubt have something in store for the visiting Tigers.

The Tigers will open their home season the third week of the schedule when they host the (2A) Georgiana Panthers. The Panthers have lost only one regular season game the past three years and have defeated Elba three years in a row, making this challenge one of the Tigers will be looking forward to.

Elba will remain at home for the fourth game of the season and will entertain the (5A) Opp Bobcats. The Bobcats lost to the Tigers on a last-second field-goal a year ago, but are expected to be vastly improved and will have this tie circled on their schedule.

The Tigers will open Area play in week #5 when they host the (2A) Headland Rams. The Rams are a perennial winner in Wicomico circles and have more than their share of quality athletes; however, former Rams assistant coach Boyd English is now on the Elba staff, which could give the Tigers a slight advantage in scouting.

Elba will be at home for the fourth straight week in week #6 as the Tigers host the (4A) Geneva Panthers, in the renewal of a long-time rivalry. The Panthers have struggled in recent years, but will have a new attitude under new coach Leavy Boutwell, and will be ready when Coach Boutwell comes back to challenge his former mates.

The Tigers will hit the road in week #7 as they travel to Hartford to do battle with the powerful (2A) Geneva County Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have strived as one of the state's top 2A teams in recent years, which happen to be the

years and this season is expected to be a big winner. Elba will close out its Area schedule in week #8 as the Tigers hit the road for a key contest against the (3A) Rehobeth Rebels. The Rebels have become consistent winners in recent years and have to be looking forward to renewing their rivalry against the Tigers.

Elba will return home the following week for its annual battle with the (5A) Andalusia Bulldogs. The Bulldogs began to make huge strides last season and are looking to '96 as the year they return to the playoffs, making this game one of the Bulldogs will use as a gauge of their return to power.

The Tigers will close out the regular season on the road when they travel to Monroeville to challenge the (5A) Monroe County Tigers. Monroe County has been a solid 5A performer for years, and will provide the Tigers with a stiff test to end the regular season.

Any time a 3A team drops teams such as 5A Hillcrest, 4A T.R. Miller and 4A Daleville it should be a reason to celebrate. That isn't the case for the Tigers; however, since

the addition of teams such as 4A Geneva, 5A Monroe County and 2A power Geneva County more than keep the schedule loaded with some of the state's top teams!

## ELBA TIGERS

Sept. 6	Charles Henderson (5A)	There
Sept. 13	Luverne (2A)	There
Sept. 20	Georgiana (2A)	Home
Sept. 27	Opp (5A)	Home
Oct. 4	Headland (3A) *	Home
Oct. 11	Geneva (4A)	Home
Oct. 18	Geneva County (2A)	There
Oct. 25	Rehobeth (3A) *	There
Nov. 1	Andalusia (5A)	Home
Nov. 8	Monroe County (5A)	There

(\* Area game)

## Gamecock schedule offers new look

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped back into Class 2A this season and with the change came a new Area and a new look for the Gamecocks on their schedule.

Missing from the Gamecocks'

schedule this season are (1A) Arton, (2A) Brantley, (1A) McKenzie and (1A) T.W. Martin, while making an appearance on the '96 slate are (2A) Georgiana, (2A) Goshen, (2A) Wicksburg and (2A) Luverne.

Not exactly an even swap!

The Gamecocks will open the season in Dothan for a clash with the (1A) Houston Academy Raiders, and will then come home for a two-game home stand against the (2A) G.W. Long Rebels and the (2A) Straughn Tigers. The Raiders are always a hard team to handle, especially when they play at home, while the Rebels are expected to be much improved this season after a down year in '95, and the Tigers are still as good as ever, and always come to play.

New Brockton will open its Area play in week #4 with a road battle against the (2A) Georgiana Panthers, then will host the (2A) Red Level Tigers before returning to the Area race for a home date with the (2A) Goshen Eagles. The Panthers have emerged into one of the state's top 2A teams in recent years and have lost only one regular season game in the past three years, which is the opposite of the Tigers, which failed to win a game last season. The Eagles were a rival of the Gamecocks for many years, and are still as good as ever, and this year is an Area opponent.

A trip to Wicksburg awaits the Gamecocks in week #7 as the (2A) Wicksburg Panthers will provide a stiff test, and in week #8 New Brockton will travel across the country for its annual grudge match against the (1A) Kinston Bulldogs, a team expecting big things in '96.

A key road challenge awaits New Brockton in the ninth week of the season as the Gamecocks travel to Luverne to battle the (2A) Luverne Tigers, a 3A power for years that is expected to dominate action in 2A.

The Gamecocks will close out their regular season on the road with a clash against the arch-rival (1A) Zion Chapel Rebels, a game in which records mean nothing!

New Brockton made the playoffs last season and began to make the journey back toward becoming a winning team. The move to the 2A ranks could provide a bump in the road this season; however, and the Gamecocks will have to be battle ready every night out!

## NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

Sept. 6	Houston Acad. (1A)	There
Sept. 13	G.W. Long (2A)	Home
Sept. 20	Straughn (2A)	Home
Sept. 27	Georgiana (2A) *	There
Oct. 4	Red Level (2A)	Home
Oct. 11	Goshen (2A) *	Home
Oct. 18	Wicksburg (2A)	There
Oct. 25	Kinston (1A)	Home
Nov. 1	Luverne (2A) *	There
Nov. 8	Zion Chapel (1A)	There

(\* Area game)

Kinston will open season  
against six 2A opponents

The Kinston Bulldogs struggled to a disappointing season a year ago, but did little to make the schedule easier as they open the '96 campaign against six straight 2A teams and play only three 1A teams, which happen to be the

teams in their Area. Missing from last year's schedule are (3A) Elba, (1A) McKenzie, (2A) Lyman Ward and (2A) Jay, Florida, while coming aboard are (2A) Red Level, (2A) Geneva County, and Area foes (1A) Arton and (1A) Houston Academy.

Kinston will open the season with six straight games against 2A opponents, not exactly the easy way to begin the season for a 1A club that struggled to only two wins a year ago!

The Bulldogs will open the season on the road against the Red Level Tigers, a team that was winless last season, then will play their home opener against the powerful Geneva County Bulldogs. Back-to-back road games against two of South Alabama's perennial 2A powers await in week #3 and #4 as Kinston tangles with the Florida Wildcats and Samson Tigers, while in week #5 the Bulldogs will return home for a clash with the 2A G.W. Long Rebels. The six-game battle against bigger teams will end on week #6 as Kinston hosts the Straughn Tigers, another 2A strong boy.

Kinston will swing into Area action the next week when it travels to Arton to battle the (1A) Arton Purple Cats, then will jump back into the 2A wars with a road battle against the cross-country rival (2A) New Brockton Gamecocks. Arton was down last season and will have a new coach to try and turn around the Cats' fortunes, while the Gamecocks are always a team to reckon with and will be a real neighborhood clash.

The final two weeks of the season will have the Bulldogs competing against Area foes in Zion Chapel and Houston Academy. The Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Kinston and are expected to be much improved this season and will be ready for the cross-country clash, with the season finale against Houston Academy will also be in Kinston, and could well determine a spot in the playoffs.

Kinston's schedule this season is anything but a pushover as the Bulldogs' only 1A opponents are the three teams in their Area. If Kinston can pick up some wins early against the bigger schools, it could be a team to beat in the Area wars!

## KINSTON BULLDOGS

Sept. 6	Red Level (2A)	There
Sept. 13	Geneva County (2A)	Home
Sept. 20	Florida (2A)	There
Sept. 27	Samson (2A)	There
Oct. 4	G.W. Long (2A)	Home
Oct. 11	Straughn (2A)	Home
Oct. 18	Arton (1A) *	There
Oct. 25	New Brockton (2A)	There
Nov. 1	Zion Chapel (1A) *	Home
Nov. 8	Houston Acad. (1A) *	Home

(\* Area game)

## City pool is now closed

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## BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

Sept. 6	Straughn (2A)	Home
Sept. 13	Red Level (2A)	There
Sept. 20	Goshen (2A)	There
Sept. 27	McKenzie (1A) *	Home
Oct. 4	Luverne (2A)	Home
Oct. 11	Frisco City (1A) *	Home
Oct. 18	Maplesville (1A)	There
Oct. 25	Highland Home (2A)	There
Nov. 1	Georgiana (2A)	There
Nov. 8	J.U. Blacksher (1A) *	Home

(\* Area game)

Major changes obvious  
on Brantley schedule

The Brantley Bulldogs made the move back to Class 1A this season and along with the change in classification made major changes in their schedule.

Gone from last year's schedule are (4A) Daleville, (2A) Clayton, (2A) Slocomb and (1A) A.L. Johnson, while newcomers to the slate include (2A) Straughn, (1A) Frisco City and Area opponents Frisco City and J.U. Blacksher.

Brantley will open the '96 season at home against the powerful (2A) Straughn Tigers, then will hit the road for the next two games as they travel to (2A) Red Level and (2A) Goshen. The Tigers from Red Level were winless last season and have struggled in recent years, while the Goshen Eagles are one of the Bulldogs' biggest rivals and always give the Dogs a real dog-fight.

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CLASS 1A  
AREA 3

J.U. Blacksher (3-7)  
Brantley (9-5)  
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## New schedule is reason for Rebel optimism

The Zion Chapel Rebels failed to live up to their pre-season billing a year ago and missed the playoffs, but are optimistic about the '96 gridiron battles and seem to have a schedule that should allow them to improve on last year's record.

Gone from this year's schedule are (2A) Samson, (2A) Wicksburg and (1A) McKenzie, while helping fill out this year's slate are (1A) Thorsby, (2A) Lyman Ward and (1A) Isabella.

Zion Chapel will open the '96 season on the road with a battle against the (1A) Thorsby Rebels, then will hit the Area wars early with a home clash with the (1A) Houston Academy Raiders. The

Rebels are coached by former New Brockton coach James Boyette and will be an early test for ZC, while the Raiders are always a competitive squad and in the past have enjoyed success against the Rebels.

A road game against the (2A) G.W. Long Rebels will come in week #3, and in weeks #4 and #5 the Rebels and their fans will get to stay at home as Zion Chapel entertains (2A) Clayton and (2A) Lyman Ward. The Rebels from G.W. Long are consistently one of the top small school teams in the Wiregrass, while the Clayton Tigers and Lyman Ward Fighting Rangers are both teams that aren't known for winning big on the gridiron.

Zion Chapel will close out its regular season slate with a home date against the (2A) New Brockton Gamecocks, a game that means much more than simply bragging rights for the Coffee County rivals.

Zion Chapel appears to have a real fight on its hands with such Area foes as Arton, Kinston and Houston Academy; however, the Rebels should win against Thorsby, Clayton, Lyman Ward and Isabella, and if the Rebels can grab those expected wins, the Rebels could be a surprise team in the Area wars and possibly make a return to the playoffs.

After an open week the Rebels will swing back into action with a home game against the (1A) Isabella Mustangs, then will march into the Area wars with crucial road games against (1A) Arton and (1A) Kinston. The Mustangs are known as an "easy win" and should put the Rebels into a winning mood for their Area battles against the always dangerous Arton Purple Cats and cross-country rival Kinston Bulldogs.

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## ZION CHAPEL REBELS

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Sept. 13	Houston Acad. (1A) *	Home
Sept. 20	G.W. Long (2A)	There
Sept. 27	Clayton (2A)	Home
Oct. 4	Lyman Ward (2A)	Home
Oct. 11	Open Date	
Oct. 18	Isabella (1A)	Home
Oct. 25	Arton (1A) *	There
Nov. 1	Kinston (1A) *	There
Nov. 8	New Brockton (2A)	Home

(\* Area game)

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## Elba Chamber of Commerce

Barbara Hudson, Executive Director

With 100-plus members, the Elba Chamber of Commerce is a thriving, active organization made up of business operators, civic leaders, and average citizens.

The Chamber of Commerce is overseen by Executive Director Barbara Hudson, who works under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce Board and its president, Herby McCall, and the board's connected committees.

The overall purpose of a chamber of commerce is to promote the community and business. The Chamber is presently active in a number of community concerns, from the renovation of the old Coffee County Jail, organizing a Community Spirit Day, installing new "Welcome to Elba" signs, and city beautification to assisting existing industry and attracting new industry. Plans are already underway for the ninth annual Christmas Festival along with the sale of the limited edition of Christmas ornaments. The Chamber is now sponsoring the Miss Elba pageant and will be sending our current Miss Elba, Destiny Brown, and Little Miss Elba, Haley Stinson, to the National Peanut Festival and provide a float for their use in the parade.

To fulfill these purposes, the Elba group has been striving to grow and to become more active in supporting and encouraging the industrial, commercial, and retail communities.

Currently, the chamber is involved in quarterly "After Hours" gatherings so the community and business interests can get to know one another better on a less formal basis. The Chamber of Commerce Board also meets monthly for discussion and planning everything from industrial development to "driving for more members."

Won't you please join with others in your community and support the Chamber? Since you live and make your living in the Elba area, you belong in the Chamber. Together we can make our community a better place to live, work, and raise our families. Anyone interested in the Chamber of Commerce can call 897-3125 or drop by the office located in City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba.

## Seminar for health workers to be held at Wallace Community College

Wallace Community College and Wiregrass Hospice will present a program for nurses, social workers, and other interested health care professionals on Friday, August 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the LPN auditorium of the college.

Hospice is a specialized form of home health care which provides services to persons with limited life expectancy. It also takes care of persons in nursing homes. Not only does it provide nursing care, but also psycho-social and spiritual care for the ill person and the family. Hospice is available to anyone regardless of age, medical condition, or financial resources.

The workshop is approved for 6 contact hours for nurses, and 5 contact hours for social workers and other health care personnel. Advanced registration is \$35 through Wallace Community College. For more information or to register, please contact Community Services at the college, 983-3521, ext. 300.

Enterprise State Junior College's annual Mathematics Tournament Division II Advanced Mathematics category. Pictured with their plaques (l to r) are: first place, Timothy Goodwin of Georgiana High School; second place, Clay Crum of Georgiana High School; and third place, Michael McInnis of Kinston High School.

## Nitrate poisoning in beef can be alarming

By Stan Windham, County Agent

Each summer cattlemen make several calls to our office concerning the possibility of nitrate poisoning. Nitrate poisoning in livestock is primarily caused by the consumption of pasture or hay containing high levels of nitrate. This usually happens during periods of low soil moisture or low humidity. Nitrates can accumulate in plants heavily fertilized with nitrogen. Hay cut during or just after a drought period is always suspect. This is particularly true if nitrogen was applied just prior to hay harvest.

Shading by other plant species, cloudy weather, and rain may also increase nitrate levels at different times during the year. The application of nitrogen fertilizers during drought, cloudy weather may also result in nitrate poisoning. Nitrates in hay are stable and can cause death months after harvest. Therefore, if you suspect a possible nitrate problem, you may want to test the hay before feeding it. When you test the hay, it will come back in a percentage level. Hay containing more than 2500 ppm of nitrate is usually safe.

When hay has a nitrate level of 2500-5000 ppm, you should be cautious in feeding it. If your levels are 5000-15,000 ppm this is a dangerous level. Believe it or not we have seen hay with levels over 15,000. Prussic acid and nitrate poisoning are not the same. Toxic levels of nitrates evolve differently than prussic acid. Prussic acid will deteriorate with time. Forage with high levels of prussic acid, such as a hay that has been baled with no rain for several days, will deteriorate and break down around 18-20% moisture. Prussic acid is most likely to build up usually after a killing frost. Some plants, such as pearl millet, do not produce prussic acid.

Another way that prussic acid can build up is in tender, young growth occurring immediately after a long drought. Most of the time, young, tender plants are more likely to be toxic with prussic acid than older ones. Another minor way prussic acid can build up temporarily is, when herbicides such as 2,4-D are used.

Remember, prussic acid and nitrate poisoning are not the same. Most of the calls come in asking about pearl millet and if there will be a nitrate poisoning problem. The answer is yes if it fits what we talked about earlier such as high fertilization and nitrogen. However, pearl millet does not produce prussic acid so you will not have a prussic acid problem, but you could have a nitrate poisoning problem.

If you have any further questions, feel free to give me a call at 894-5596.

## ESJC Creative Writing Club to meet

Enterprise State Junior College's (ESJC) Creative Writing Club will meet at Carolina Bar-B-Q at noon, August 16 for a Dutch treat lunch. Writers in the Wiregrass area are invited to attend. The purpose of the club is to provide opportunities for members to present their creative writing talents in a supportive, learning, audience environment; to provide opportunities for members to witness and grow from the presentation of other members' creative writing efforts; to provide members with access to other students with similar interests; access to publishing information; access to writing workshop opportunities; access to other creative writing outlets; and access to other competitive events in the local area; and to serve as a literary outlet on campus for talented students; and to represent ESJC in this artistic field. Membership in the ESJC Creative Writing Club is open to any resident in the Wiregrass area. An annual literary collection will be published in the spring. Submissions will be accepted from any writers in the Wiregrass Area. For more information, call Monica Vickers at 393-ESJC, ext. 216.

Andy Bryan to be at Zion Chapel Baptist & Wooten Chapel

Andy Bryan will be in concert at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Saturday August 17, 7:00 p.m., and at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Sunday morning August 18, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

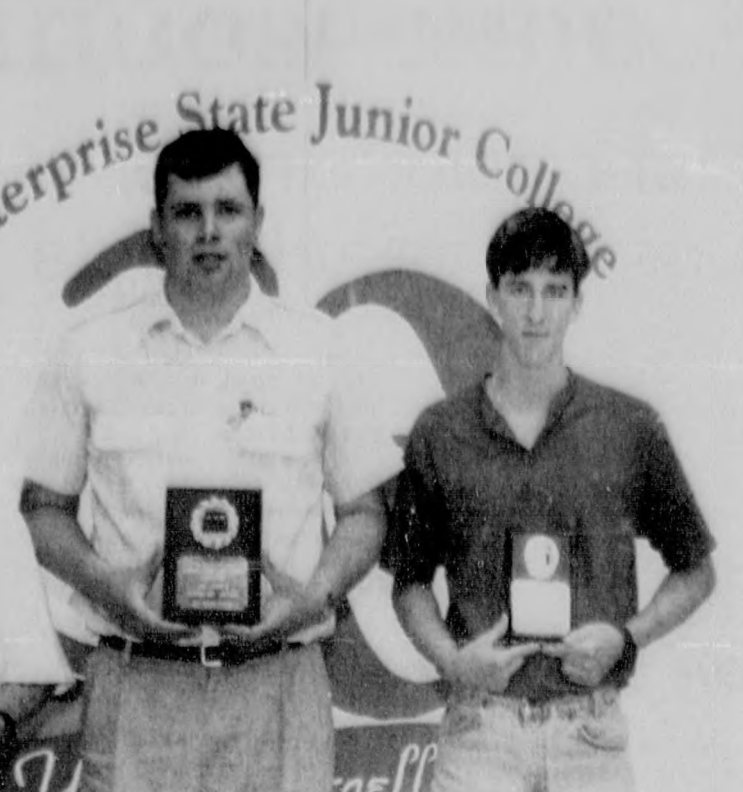
## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each and everyone for their words of comfort, prayers, food, cards, & support during the illness and loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

The Family Of DEWEY W. WILKES

Thank you so much for your support of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

With your help and support, we reached our goal of 100... we are now going for 200. Our mission is to promote business, community growth and development. The chamber will always strive to improve the community and be responsive to needs and concerns of the people of Elba.



Congratulations are in order for the winners of Enterprise State Junior College's annual Mathematics Tournament Division II Advanced Mathematics category. Pictured with their plaques (l to r) are: first place, Timothy Goodwin of Georgiana High School; second place, Clay Crum of Georgiana High School; and third place, Michael McInnis of Kinston High School.



4-H DISTRICT COMPETITION... For many 4-Hers district competition is the culmination of a year of steady competitions and workshops. The youth from Coffee County who participated this year at Troy State were: (front row, l to r) Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Rachel Grimes, Kinston; Devin Kelley, New Brockton; Dennis Bushy, Kinston; Crystal Burrows, New Brockton; Angie Laney, Elba; Anna Miller, Zion Chapel; Layton Griffin, New Brockton; Matt Windham, New Brockton; Rachel Grimes, Kinston; LeAnn Griffin, New Brockton; Sarah Maddox, Zion Chapel; Troy Cook, Kinston; Veronica Hernandez, New Brockton; Kellen Cole, New Brockton; Jennifer Wells, Kinston; Chime Edwards, Elba; Justin Hughes, New Brockton; Mark Windham, New Brockton; Angela Hughes, county agent; George Tabb, county agent. Not pictured is Cornelius Burrows of New Brockton.

## Career Training Program now accepting appointments for interviews

Enterprise State Junior College's Career Training Program staff are now accepting appointments for interviews. Potential participants must interview for an opening in the program. This program provides information about returning to school or entering or re-entering the workforce. Through six weeks, seminars and workshops emphasize career exploration, decision making and goal setting, self-concept development, financial aid, study skills, image awareness, assertiveness training, stress management, legal information, time management, support systems/networking, resume writing, and introduction to computer. There is only a \$150 fee. Interested persons may call to set up an appointment between September 24 and October 3. The fall session will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, October 7 through November 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 297, for an appointment to interview.

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1-BORRILLIO OF BLOOD	(R)
2-TEN CLIP	(R)
3-ESCAPE FROM L.A.	(R)
4-HOUSE ARREST	(PG)
5-COURAGE UNDER FIRE	(R)
6-THE FAN	(R)
7-THE FAN	(R)
8-INDPENDENCE DAY	(PG-13)
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## VOTE FOR & ELECT RONNIE HAMMOND

Elba City Council District 5

I will work hard for the people of District 5 to help improve any areas that need attention.

I will have a close working relationship with the mayor & councilmen to achieve what's good for the citizens of Elba as a whole.

I believe HONESTY and UNITY could be the key to a fast start with the new administration, opening doors for new industry, new businesses, giving our Youth new playgrounds and create recreation for our Senior Citizens.

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# Coffee County Extension Service News

## Boric acid can be used to treat insects

by George Tabb, Assistant County Agent

Looking for a way to control insects that is environmentally safe? Look at the possibility of using Boric acid.

Boric acid is a slow acting contact and stomach poison for most insects. The dust is usually ingested when the insects clean their legs and antennae. Even if grooming is inhibited, boric acid will be absorbed through the insects' cuticle. Death of insects exposed to boric acid usually takes 2-10 days, depending on the particular formulation. Dust formulations are not repellent to insects. However, light deposits are generally more effective than heavy deposits.

Boric acid dust has a long residual life and can be used effectively, as long as it is not covered with oil or grease. During remodeling or construction of buildings, boric acid has been placed in wall voids to inhibit cockroach or ant infestations from becoming established after construction. Dusts can be injected into wall voids, under cabinets in attics. Boric acid products are flea usually require that large

amounts of the product be "worked into" the carpet, using carpet rakes or other such appliances. This procedure can be messy. Boric acid bait products formulated for ants and cockroaches are also effective. However, Auburn research has found that other insecticides in baits such as Combat or Raid Max are more effective. Boric acid has been around for almost a century. Past interest in insects exposed to boric acid usually takes 2-10 days, depending on the particular formulation. Dust formulations are not repellent to insects. However, light deposits are generally more effective than heavy deposits.

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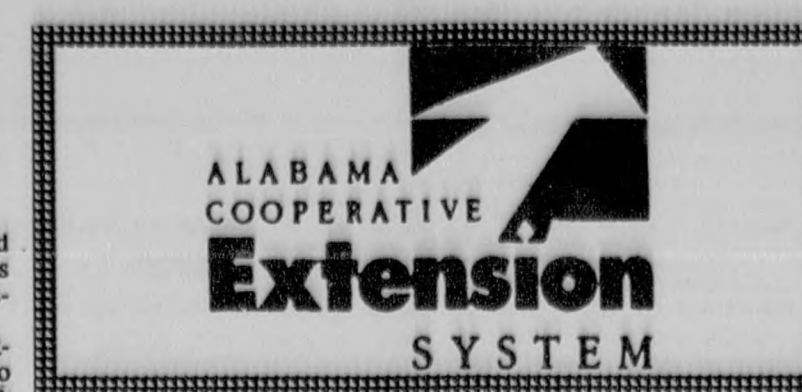
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## Ideas for packing nutritious lunches

by Sandra Coffey, County Agent-Coord.

Lots of people take their lunch to work or school. Whether you do so for convenience or to save money, remember a few guidelines to guarantee your lunch is tasty and nutritious.

First, choose a variety of foods from the major food groups. Keep calories in mind. Fats and sugars can add more calories quickly. Also, when packing a lunch, limit high-fat foods such as mayonnaise, or that it will not harm plants, pets, or children. Remember, boric acid is an effective tool, but it's only one tool in our constant battle with bugs.

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## Winning tips on how to grow watermelons

by Richard Patcher, Assoc. County Agent

Growing watermelons is a fun project for a few youth who have a special green thumb. Each of these 4-Hers to their project as a family event. They learn a lot as well as have a lot of fun with their families growing and eating these melons.

Carrie Nguyen, first place junior winner, agreed to share a few of her secrets.

In the fall, chicken litter was spread on the field. Then in December, 50 pounds of triple thirteen fertilizer and 200 pounds of cotton seed meal and lime at 500 pounds was spread. In March, it was resubsoiled and the soil prepared for planting on Good Friday. However, due to the cold weather, it was planted a week later. She then planted 50 hills of watermelons. One of the main keys to watermelon growing is keeping them weeded. It is a lot of work, but well worth the effort. Water is real important in this crop and the rains came just at the right time. At one point, a little too much rain came and a few burst. Keeping the bad melons picked off helped the others. So far, she has picked about 60 watermelons. It has taken a lot of work. She calculated 15 hours of work were used so far to produce this crop.

PRIZE WINNING MELON...The first place winner in the Junior Coffee County 4-H Watermelon Contest was Carrie Nguyen. She is pictured above proudly displaying her 36 1/2 pound melon. Carrie is the 12 year old daughter of Paula Nguyen and The Nguyen and will be a seventh grader at Zion Chapel. The second place junior winner was Jan Carney of New Brockton. His melon weighed 30 1/2 pounds. The first place senior winner was Elizabeth Carney with a 36 pound melon. Jan and Elizabeth are the children of Nancy Carney of New Brockton.

Tired of sandwiches and hot lunches? There are lots of tasty low fat ideas for cold lunches. Try combining low-fat yogurt with fresh fruit. A chef salad with lean meat, low-fat cheese and low-calorie dressing is a good choice. Cold pasta salads or vegetables marinated in herb salad dressing are also options.

Make your home a learning place for your children

by Angela Hughes, County Agent

You want your children to be successful in school and in life. You can start right now giving your children a foundation for success. The following list may give you some ideas to start with. You may already do some of these. Probably, there is no parent that does all of these things, but it's good to pick a few things you can do with your children. You might even ask your children what they want to do. The key in all of these activities is to make learning fun and interesting.

Make your home a learning place. Show your children that you love to learn. Read books and magazines. Take continuing education classes. Talk about things that interest you: gardening or building models or astronomy or whatever. Sing songs together. Say rhymes. Learn poems.

Turn off the television and make time for reading. Limit the amount of television to allow for other learning activities, such as reading, talking, or exploring. During meal times, have family members talk about things they've learned recently.

Provide a special place for your children to keep their books. Make a special area in your home for reading, together with pillows or a small desk. Make reading together special by holding your young children close, allowing them to turn the pages, having them point at objects in the story, asking questions about what they expect to happen, or allowing them to tell part of the story.

Read and tell stories to your children. Invite them to tell you stories, rhymes, or tall tales. Turn off the television and make time for reading. Limit the amount of television to allow for other learning activities, such as reading, talking, or exploring. During meal times, have family members talk about things they've learned recently.

Put your children's drawings, school work on the refrigerator or wall. Have a special box or treasure chest where your children can keep their special projects and papers.

WE ARE AN OPEN

Hours at your Elba Public Library are:

• Mon., Thurs. and Friday - open from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m.  
• Tuesday library is open from 10 a.m. til 7 p.m.  
• Wednesday - open from 10 a.m. until noon

## Coffee County Stockyard Report

Reported by Alabama & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Ronnie Vaughan - (205) 897-6053.

AUGUST 8, 1996

Cattle & Calves Hogs

Salable Receipts (Est.)..... 475 225  
Week Ago (Actual)..... 538 245  
Year Ago (Actual)..... 350 653

BREAKDOWN

HOGS: Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: 3.00 Higher, US 1-3, 230-250 lbs, 54.00-56.00; US 2-3, 250-270 lbs, 52.50-54.00; Sows: 2.00 Higher, US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 35.00-42.50; 400-500 lbs, 42.00-44.00; 500 lbs & Up, 45.00-47.00; Feeder Pigs: 5.00-10.00 Higher, US 1-3, 50-80 lbs, 46.00-56.00; 80-100 lbs, 38.00-48.00; Boars: 1.00 Higher, Over 300 lbs, 25.00; Under 300 lbs, Unstated. CATTLE & CALVES: Compared to week ago, Slaughter Classes: Cows: Steady; Bulls: Two Feeder Classes: Steers: 2.00-3.00 Higher; Heifers: 2.00-4.00 Higher; Replacement or Feeder: Two Feeder, SLAUGHTER CLASSES: Bulls: 450-500 lbs, 49.00-58.00-550-600 lbs, 48.00-52.00; 500-550 lbs, 46.00-55.00; Cows: Brk UpCom 2-4, (2)300-3025; 2500-3000;







# Vote For & Re-Elect RICKY HAYWOOD Mayor of Elba

Mayor Ricky Haywood's first term as Mayor of the City of Elba has given the people of this great city the opportunity to witness the following fruitful accomplishments in just four short years:

- 1) Paving of Highways 84, 87, 125, and 189 by Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT)--both into and out of Elba.
- 2) Creating opportunities for business and industry, such as the Pizza Hut, Subway, Movie Gallery, Cash Brothers Leasing, Worth Tent, Aunt Bee's Bed and Breakfast, The Garden Gate, S&W Edger Works, All-Star Sports (and the list goes on) to either open or expand their operations in Elba.
- 3) Finishing a comprehensive storm drainage grant project from 1988 with paving and curbing in Mulberry Heights, after the citizens of that area had suffered from dust during the Summer of '92 and from mud during the Fall of '92 and Winter of '93.
- 4) Adding to and upgrading sewer systems on Reese Avenue, Teresa Street, Cedar Lane Drive, and Gibson Street in Elba.
- 5) Paving Taylor Mill Road from the 203 Bypass to the Elba City Limits in cooperation with the Coffee County Commission, and providing water service to those residents on Taylor Mill Road previously without city water.
- 6) Securing funding for a permanent floodwater pumping station in New Town, through working with Coffee County EMA and Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Commission, that will remove flood waters and excessive rain from inside the levee in order to protect families and property in the areas near Westside Baptist Church.
- 7) Securing funding and arranging for the construction of a much needed street and bridge on the Elba City School property with the assistance of Ft. Rucker, Alabama DOT, and Rep. Garreth Moore.
- 8) Working with Sen. Howell Heflin in Washington to secure appropriations in the amount of \$150,000.00 to maintain and service the levee, which--according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineer personnel--is in very good condition.
- 9) Securing a flood warning alert system to be monitored by a computer placed in our police department, through working with the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority, that will assist our city leaders in providing quick and accurate information about possible flooding and related river level and rainfall readings to our citizens.
- 10) Securing a "COPS FAST" federal grant to provide one additional police officer to make daily contact with our senior citizens and elderly shut-ins to offer aid and assistance if needed.
- 11) Preventing the passage of a city income tax that would have penalized every person working inside the City of Elba.
- 12) Ensuring our citizens the lowest kilowatt hour and lowest base meter rates of any electrical supplier in our area (Elba is \$4.00 per month BMR and \$130.04 for 1st 2000 kwh; Covington Electric is \$6.50 per month BMR and \$148.04 for 1st 2000 kwh; and Alabama Power is at \$7.60 per month BMR and \$140.00 for 1st 2000 kwh). The totals (without taxes, etc.) for 2000kwh are Elba \$134.04, Covington Electric \$154.04, and Alabama Power \$147.60, so you can easily see that Elba's power is the best deal.

I have served YOU, the fine citizens of Elba, by being there when you have needed me, and NEVER QUITTING, whether in good times or in times of disaster, such as the Summer of '94, when I gave you updates on the condition of Pea River every 15 minutes so that you could make proper decisions that would protect your family and property.

So, remember, on August 27, 1996, go to the polls and vote for Ricky Haywood, the best and most qualified man for the job, to be your mayor--the mayor that has proven time and time again that he is truly a mayor "For The People". Thank you for your prayers and support.

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BOE MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY NAME RODGER BOWDEN TO HEAD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Reese resigns as Superintendent of Coffee County Schools

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Monday evening's special called meeting of the Coffee County School Board was anything but routine.

Immediately upon convening the meeting at 6:00 p.m., Board Chairman Charles Walker requested that the board go into an executive session.

After approximately fifteen minutes behind closed doors, the board reconvened in open session.

Chairman Walker read a letter of resignation addressed to the board dated August 16, 1996 from Dr. James B. Reese, Superintendent of Education. Dr. Reese was not present at Monday's meeting.

The following is the text of that letter:

"I was honored to have been selected by you as Superintendent of Education of the Coffee County School System. I consider the school system to be one of the best systems in the state.

However, because of personal reasons I respectfully submit my resignation to be effective September 30, 1996.

I want to assure you that I will do my best to make the beginning of the 1996-97 school year a smooth one.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served in the Coffee County School System."

A motion was then made that Rodger Bowden be hired as Superintendent of Coffee County Schools under the same contract as extended to Dr. Reese. That motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned shortly after approving Bowden's employment. Board members would not comment on Dr. Reese's letter of resignation after such a short time of employment.

Dr. Reese was hired by the Coffee County BOE on June 24, after

eight applicants had been interviewed for the job.

Prior to accepting the superintendent's job, Reese was employed by the Enterprise City School System as an administrative assistant to the superintendent.

Dr. Reese was contacted Tuesday morning concerning his resignation and his only comment, in addition to his letter of resignation, was, "I am very appreciative for the encouragement and support which I have received from people affiliated with the school system and also from those who do not have direct ties with the system. I am certain that the school system will continue to progress under new leadership."

He did not comment on his future plans.

Shortly after being hired by the board as the school system's new superintendent, Bowden made the following statement:

"The School Board has entrusted me with this system's highest position of leadership. I'm humbled by their support of me in this

endeavor.

I hope I can live up to the standards set by those who have been in this position prior to me.

I intend to give it my best and hopefully that will carry us forward."

Bowden has been in the Coffee County School System for the past 21 years.

He has served in the system's central office since 1979 as supervisor of instruction and director of vocational education.

Before coming to the central office, Bowden served as guidance counselor at New Brockton High School for three years and as principal of New Brockton Elementary for one year.

Prior to joining the county system, Bowden was a guidance counselor at the Elba Elementary School in the city's system from 1970 to 1975.



SUPERINTENDENT RODGER BOWDEN ASSUMES LEADERSHIP

## New jury venire law to be contested

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Coffee County's new jury-at-large law is set to be contested in a court. A trial date of August 28 has been set in the Elba Court-house at 9:00 a.m.

Two of the county's attorneys, on behalf of their clients, are seeking to have the 1996 legislative act which requires that juries be selected from a county-wide venire declared unconstitutional in Coffee County.

The case will be heard by Pike County District Judge William Hightower, 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Gary McAllister appointed Judge Hightower to hear the case after all the circuit judges recused themselves.

An earlier motion by the Alabama Attorney General's office to dismiss

the case was denied by Judge Hightower, the act was expressly repealed.

In May of this year, State Representative Garreth Moore introduced legislation creating a county-wide jury venire. Here-to-fore, Coffee County, which is composed of two legal divisions, Elba Division and Enterprise Division, selected juries from venires composed of residents from the respective divisions.

The two divisions were created by a 1907 legislative act.

Shortly after Moore's 1996 Act was passed by the legislature, and signed into law by Gov. Fob James, an Elba attorney, Rick Spurlin, pointed out that it was possible that the 1996 Act had also done away with the dual courthouse system.

He noted that if subsequent legislation repeals a prior legislation, and there is no savings clause, the entire legislation is wiped out. Therefore, it is possible that the 1996 Act repealed the 1907 Act doing away with the dual courthouse system.

Others sources are quick to point out that the dual courthouses in Coffee County were established by an amendment to the Alabama Constitution which cannot be superseded by an Act of the Legislature.

The 1907 Act or 1996 Act has a "savings clause," meaning if one part of the act is found unconstitutional, the remainder of the act remains in effect. He said the 1996 Act states all laws

or parts of the laws which conflict with the act are expressly repealed.

Garth Lindsey of Elba and Stafford Pittman, Jr. of Enterprise, the two attorneys seeking the court action, filed a Bill of Declaratory Judgment on June 12 in the Elba Division requesting a hearing in order to challenge the constitutionality of the legislative act.

The attorneys contend that the Alabama Code provides for the selection of jurors from the area served by the court. Thus, the court in Elba serves the Elba Division and the court in Enterprise serves the Enterprise Division; therefore the jury venires for each court should be made up of individuals from the respective divisions.

Other attorneys who have joined Lindsey and Pittman in their effort are Jackson W. Stokes, Rick Spurlin, Jeff Kelley, Marty Marler, Matt Brunson, Debbie Jared and Mike Jared all of Elba; Paul Young, Rick Hollingsworth and Richard Waldrop all of Enterprise.

THESE ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ELBA'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, AUG. 28, 1996.

## Elba W&E Board holds short routine meeting

By Farin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board meeting on August 6th was routine and short.

Chairman Tim Johnson reported that the electric power sales results during this hot weather season is very good. He said results in the water department is in line with the past couple of years. The water department continues to run a deficit.

The total of the delinquent accounts receivables are "not a very large figure," Johnson reported. He commended the office staff for their efforts to collect these accounts.

Board member Gladys Yelverton again voiced the often heard complaint of bad tasting water on Highland Drive. She was assured the problem was being checked by engineers and at least two proposals for relief are under consideration. The board is also continuing with efforts to develop a long range plan for extension of water lines into unsewered areas of the county.

Another electrical service truck recently tested bad recently. Estimated repairs are at \$1400. This will be to replace pins and bushings.

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## Alabama's window tint law now being enforced

The Alabama Department of Public Safety reminds motorists that the new window tint law went into effect on August 15 and is now being enforced by state troopers.

Troopers will enforce the window tinting regulations as part of routine traffic patrol and during driver license and equipment checks. They will use window tint meters designed to check the degree of window tinting.

All vehicles registered in the state must comply with the law's requirements by the effective date, or violators may face a fine of up to \$100 plus court costs.

The law provides for the following tinting standards: neither the front windshield, nor the side windows must allow at least 32 percent light transmission, with a 5 percent tolerance for error. Reflective materials cannot reflect more than 20 percent light.

Multi-purpose passenger vehicles: The windshield and windows to the right and left of the driver are subject to the same standards as passenger cars and station wagons. Darker tinting on other windows must be accompanied by outside rear-view mirrors to the right and left of the driver.

This law provides greater security for law enforcement officers and enhances traffic safety by increasing visibility among motorists," said Col. L. N. Hagan, Director of Public Safety.

All newly applied tinting must carry a sticker of compliance affixed to the vehicle window by window tinting dealers.

Cars with existing tinting that meets the standards also should have a sticker of compliance. These stickers may be affixed by a tinting dealer.

For motorists who require special tinting for medical reasons, the law provides for a medical waiver upon application and certification by a licensed physician. This waiver permits tinting on the rear and side windows that allows 25 percent light transmission with a 3 percent tolerance for error. On the front windshield, the only area which may be tinted is the upper six inches.

For more details on the medical waiver, contact the Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division, Medical Records Unit, P.O. Box 1471, Montgomery, AL 36102-1471; or call (334)242-4239.

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## HAPPENINGS

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES.** Municipal election dates have been set for municipalities statewide. They are as follows: August 27 - Municipal elections; and September 17 - Run-off (if necessary) for municipal races.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION.** A retirement program has been planned for Dr. Raymond Chisum, president of Douglas MacArthur State Technical College in Opp. The faculty and staff of DMSFC will honor Dr. Chisum at a retirement program and reception on Sunday, August 25, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the college. The program will be held in the Student Center and the reception will follow in the Health Sciences Building. The public is invited to attend.

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex, in New Brockton, AL.

**OLD HOME FOLKS DAY.** Applications for the 19th Annual Old Home Folks Day are now available at the Opp and Covington County Area Chamber of Commerce office. The event will be held October 5, 1996, at Lake Frank Jackson State Park in Opp, AL. For more information call the chamber at (334)493-3070 or 1-800-239-8054.

## County's E-911 communications board meets

The seven-member Coffee County Emergency Communications Board held an organizational meeting last Thursday.

Coffee County Emergency Management Director Charles Webb was elected to serve as board chairman. R. P. Flowers of New Brockton will serve as vice-chairman.

Serving as the board's public information officer will be Gloria T. Webb of Enterprise.

Gladys Martin was selected by board members to serve as treasurer. A general discussion was held concerning required actions to begin the implementation process of county-wide E-911. Each board member accepted an assignment to be completed by the next meeting.

In other action, the board voted to direct GTE to start collecting service fees county-wide on the October telephone bills.

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## Elba City BOE approves six million dollar budget

By Farin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session on Monday to hire two teachers and approve an operating budget for the coming year.

Nita (Calhoun) Stinson was hired to fill a speech pathologist vacancy at the elementary school while Mrs. Barbara H. Jones will teach math in the high school.

Stinson comes to Elba from Headland, where she has several years experience in this field. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson both grew up in Elba and will be returning.

Jones lives between Elba and Opp. She has taught 25 years in the Florida high school.

Both teachers come highly recommended by their previous supervisors.

The board approved a new budget of over six million dollars. The new shortened budget form approved by the state department for all schools is now only one page long.

State revenues are anticipated to total \$3,995,328; federal revenues are set at \$681,511; local revenues are estimated at \$1,168,275. These estimated revenues fall short of expenditures by \$122,307. The shortfall will be filled with funds left over in the current budget year.

Superintendent Charles Pearce

expressed concern for the deficit budget, but explained to board members that expenses are estimated high while the administration is conservative on anticipated revenues. "We would rather do it this way than present you a pretty picture going in, only to have you face the bad news of a budget problem later," He added that some schools do it the other way, but they are also the ones who get hit the most financial trouble.

## NEWS BRIEF

A motion to dismiss the lawsuit against the Coffee County Commission concerning the county's Subtitle D landfill has been granted. Circuit Judge Gary McAllister's order was filed in the Circuit Clerk's office on August 13, 1996. The lawsuit filed in 1994 by 54 residents living near the county landfill charged that the package disposal facility has caused their property to decrease in value. It further charged that proper procedures were not followed in the construction of the facility.